

Perhaps if I Were Bigger ...

Scripture is filled with stories of how, with God's help, "the few, the small and the not-enough" are victorious against the odds. A tongue-tied Moses looked at the odds and said "Since I do not speak well, perhaps if I had a new sound system or the capacity for multi-media presentations, I could do it." But God said "Use what you have" – so Moses picked up his stick and freed God's people from slavery.

A small David looked at the odds and thought "Perhaps if I were bigger or maybe had enough money to buy a bazooka, I could do it." But God said, "Use what you have" – David picked up a stone and won the day against Goliath.

A frightened Twelve hid behind locked doors and mused "If we only had the right leader or a better facility to operate from, we could make disciples of all nations." But God said "Use what you have" – so the Twelve left their hiding place, and with nothing but words, began making disciples.

A rural congregation looks at the odds and says "We really want to be a healthy church and perform our mission, but we are too few, we are too small, and there is never enough." But God says "Use what you have" – so the rural congregation, trusting God, moves forward ...

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